

November 10, 2012

The Life of Walter Wagemann, Sr.



- The funeral for Walter "Wally" Wagemann Sr., 79, Aberdeen was held Thursday, Nov. 8, 2012 at Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen. Pastor Tanya Rist officiated. Burial followed at Sunset Memorial Gardens with military honors by Sidney L. Smith American Legion Post 24. Walter died on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at the Golden Living Center in Groton.
- Walter "Wally" Wagemann, son of August and Martha (Heupel) Wagemann was born on February 19, 1933 14 miles west of Forbes, ND. He was delivered by his grandmother Catherina Wagemann. Walter attended school in Forbes and tap danced in the first and second grades. He later attended country school

west of Leola, SD and graduated from the 8th grade. At the age of 14 he moved with his family 10 miles east of Leola. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1952 and received his honorable discharge in 1954.

- Walter was united in marriage to Shirley Schlosser on July 2, 1961. They made their home at 504 N. State Street in Aberdeen. On March 16, 1967 they moved to the farm 3 1/2 miles west of Aberdeen where he remained until July 26, 2012 when he was hospitalized. On August 2, 2012 he was moved to the Golden Living Center in Groton where he remained until the time of his death.

- Over the years Walter worked for several farmers on numerous thrashing crews. In 1959 he bought a farm bulk milk truck and began hauling milk around North and South Dakota. In 1962, Walter's brother Dale began helping with the milk hauling and in 1963 his other brother Darwin took an active role as well. In 1969 Walter and Darwin sold their shares of the business to Dale.

- Walter went to work for Safe Guard Industries, Hyman Freight and Murphy Truck Lines. In 1974 he went to work full time for Lewis Truck Line where he remained until 1992 when his health forced him to retire following a work related accident. For many years Walter also did furnace cleaning and hauled rolls of paper to the Aberdeen American News.

- Walter loved to dance especially to polka's and waltz's. In his free time he enjoyed playing pinochle and whist. He was an avid bowler and also enjoyed deer hunting. Walter was a member of the American Legion, Moose and Eagles for many

years. For 51 years he was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Aberdeen. He served on the church council, trust fund committee, served as usher and was the very first van driver. Walter loved his family and cherished the time he was able to spend with them especially his grandchildren.

- Grateful for having shared Walter's life are his wife Shirley of Aberdeen, daughter Wanda Wagemann, Aberdeen; son Walter (Diane) Wagemann Jr., Ashton, SD; son Wayne Wagemann, Billings, MT; son Wade (Jennifer) Wagemann Sr., Aberdeen; one brother, Darwin (Lois) Wagemann, three granddaughters, one grandson, two step grandsons, two step great granddaughters, four step great grandsons, four sister-in-laws and five brother-in-laws.

- Walter was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Dale and LeRoy Wagemann, sister-in-law Joyce Schlosser and brother-in-law Delbert Schlosser.

- In lieu of flowers the family prefers memorials to Zion Lutheran Church, 1723 S Main Street, Aberdeen.